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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest From Washington.

By J. E. Jones.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

There seems to be a little excitement in Congressional circles over the condition of the Panama Canal, but the sober heads are holding down those who would make a disturbance. The "big ditch" is exactly like a railroad cut which has its small slides in wet weather, just as Culebra, or Gaillard have their big slides because the embankments are 300 feet high.

The present work at Panama is simply a process of widening the canal and removing a portion of the soft dirt on the hillside that has caused the greatest amount of difficulty. There is nothing particularly new in the developments except that the hills "spilled" themselves more plentifully than heretofore during the recent rainy season. This was not unexpected on the part of the engineers, and people who have been to Panama firmly believe that within a short time, that the difficulties will be permanently overcome.

THE MINISTER FROM BELGIUM.

Mr. Brand Whitlock had literary aspirations which were somewhat upset when he was drawn into the political activities of his home city of Toledo, and became Mayor. He made a splendid Mayor and attracted the attention of President Wilson for the political sagacity he displayed. Mr. Whitlock was offered the Belgium post which he seized with avidity because it was looked upon as a desert in diplomacy, with no work to do. Whitlock went to Belgium to write books and compile a literary monument for himself, but in a twinkling he found himself the storm center of the European war. The manner in which he has acquitted himself of his task has made his name and his work respected throughout the world. Whitlock is home for a short time but proposes to go back to Belgium after the first of the year.

BANKING OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH AMERICA.

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce says that there are great opportunities for banking in South America, but since enterprising young financiers went down to Hopewell, in Virginia, and charged one per cent for cashing Dupont checks, thereby making a clear rake-off of several thousand dollars a week by turning over their money every twenty-four hours, there seems to be no call to leave this country for this sort of business. However, American bankers have been finding South American investments profitable, and their enterprise has helped to develop trade with and strengthen the relations of the United States with the South American republics.

DOG CARRY DISEASE.

A bulletin issued by the United States Department of Agriculture admonishing dog owners to be wary of this pleasant adjunct to farm life, inasmuch as it has been determined that these animals are notorious carriers of disease. A whole list of ailments which owe their presence to the faithful dog are enumerated in the bulletin, but all of the dangers may be avoided where the dog is kept clean. The remedy suggests that vermin and infection operate about the same as between dogs and human beings. The Department disagrees with David Harum in the opinion that "a few fleas are good for a dog because they keep him from brooding on being a dog." The Federal Government insists that parasites, fleas and ticks are both troublesome and dangerous.

HOTELS FOR POOR PEOPLE.

Secretary Lane of the Department of the Interior, has provided several new hotels for the Yosemite, thus insuring that poor people will be well treated in the National Park. The government has certainly secured a real achievement in founding a place where people of moderate means can go without danger of being robbed by hotel keepers.

CONGRESSIONAL SOCIETY.

New Congressmen's wives with the price tag still dangling on 'em have a mighty hard row to hoe in Washington society. They've got to be self-starters or they never get started at all. The self important reasoned hands all back firmly and watch the pathetic struggles of the freshmen and the tenderfoot without lifting a finger. They too have had to blaze their own trail. It's rather fun to watch the squirmings of the uninitiated.

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NEW-YORK LETTER

Some Things of Interest by Our Special Correspondent

New York, Dec. 25, 1915.

This year we are having four public Christmas trees in various squares in the city. They are spruces fifty feet tall, brought from the Adirondacks, and elaborately set up and decorated. They are festooned with electric lights, and at half-past five there is a fancy illumination with searchlights. The top of each tree carries a brilliant star of electric lights.

Christmas and Christmas shopping have so occupied all minds here, that little news is to be had. Every church has had special musical services. Even the street bands are playing "Holy Night, Silent Night," today. One lone clergyman has attacked all this celebration as paganism. But most of us have simply enjoyed it as usual. The shopping has been less bunched in the last two days than in earlier years. I am glad to say.

Next comes New Year's Day! This town still keeps a relic of its Dutch origin in the celebration of this day. Time was, when every one who could afford it, kept open house for all his friends on January First. To this day the custom of extensive visiting has lasted in many circles, and New Year's is the day to meet old friends who have been too busy to be sociable all through the year.

We had a strange thing just now. A short snow storm with thunder and lightning. It was a queer experience.

Meanwhile the digging of subways and the building of elevated railroads goes on apace. The big subway under Broadway is finished for two miles; several other pieces are done; but the gaps prevent any use of these. The next month will see three elevated lines, heavily laden now, relieved greatly. A third track has been added, and express trains will run without stop from the heart of the city to the Bronx or far off parts of Brooklyn. This will really double the capacity of the lines. All over town one sees repairs, strengthening, alteration, or rebuilding of elevated lines. We have fancy stations, with trains on two levels, and at one place a double station of this sort, where two lines join. Perhaps in a while it may be fairly easy to get about town. As things are, every line is badly overcrowded.

ANAX JUNIUS.

TO TEACH IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Friends of Stephen Rich may be interested to know that he has just accepted a position as teacher of English and Pedagogy in the Adams Missionary Institute at Amanzimtoti, Natal, South Africa. Mr. Rich sailed from New York on Dec. 28, and goes via England. He expects to be in Natal three years.

The Adams Missionary Institute is one of the schools established by the Congregationalists, and is American in staff as well as partly so in financial support. It is now subsidized by the provincial government, and trains primary teachers.

Mr. Rich wrote many articles for the "Citizen," including the recent New York letters signed "Anax Junius," and he will send various items during his stay in South Africa.

CONCERT AND BALL.

The Bethel Band is to have a concert and ball in Odeon Hall in the near future and it is hoped that everyone will help make it a success financially. The present band has been in existence since last June and has held weekly rehearsals ever since. There are now some fifteen members, many of whom are young people and inexperienced in band work. But by hard work and constant attendance at rehearsals a good playing band has been developed.

Now it has become necessary to have some new music and many incidental expenses have arisen to use up the money that was left from the old organization. So it was decided to give a concert and ball to raise the necessary funds.

Bethel wants a band, not only to develop the musical talent of her children, but also to be on hand when the occasion demands. How she will support one will be determined by your patronage. Plan to go.

How easy it is for one benevolent being to diffuse pleasure around him; and how truly is a kind heart a fountain of gladness, making everything in its vicinity to freshen into smiles.

W. Irving.

STRATHGLASS COMMANDERY, NO. 21

Observe Christmas Day at Rumford

Strathglass Commandery, No. 21, Knights Templar, in accordance with the Templar custom, assembled at their Asylum at 11 o'clock A. M., on Christmas Day to participate in the toasts to the Grand Commander and to the Heads of the various Grand Masonic bodies.

The Commandery was called to attention by Eminent Commander Cleon S. Osgood, who then called upon the Rev. Allen Brown of the First Universalist Church of Rumford to offer prayer, ending his invocation, with the Lord's prayer, in which the Sir Knights joined. A fine musical program suitable for the occasion was then rendered by the Universalist male quartette, singing, "Wake, O World from Slumber," with Miss Marguerite McKenzie at the piano, followed by reading of Christmas greetings from the various Commanderies throughout the State; song, "The Singing in God's Acre," by Miss Dorothy Linnell, was finely rendered. Offering, to charity, was then taken, followed by "We Have Seen His Star in the East," by the Quartette. At 11:55 A. M., the call to the Sir Knights to assemble at the Grand Cross, was finely rendered by Miss Mabel Chase, who gave the piano solo, "Cathedral Chimes." At exactly 12:00 noon, the toast to the Aetling Grand Master was given by E. M. Commander Cleon S. Osgood, with response by E. M. Sir Charles L. Brown. Toasts to the other Heads of the Grand Masonic bodies were given by E. M. Commander Osgood, responded to in proper round by officers delegated by E. M. Commander Osgood. To the toast, "To the memory of our brothers who have joined the Silent Majority," the quartette responded with singing of "We Are Going Down the Valley One by One." To the toast, "To all Knights Templar wherever dispersed over the face of the Globe," Eminent Sir Ellisha Pratt responded with an eloquent tribute to Templar Masonry and its teachings. Miss Linnell followed with a beautiful rendering of "O, Holy Night." The service was closed with piano solo, "Angel of Night," by Miss Chase.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

The Communion Service at the Congregational Church is deferred to Jan. 9th.

Messrs. H. C. Rowe and E. F. Blakes were luncheon guests at Bethel Inn Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Thurston entertained as Christmas guests: Prof. and Mrs. E. E. Hancoc and family, Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Tuell, Mr. and Mrs. Gottard Carlson, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Mansfield Miss Marian Mansfield, Mr. L. L. Carver, Miss Margaret G. Herick, Eugene and Louis Van Den Kerckhove. Music was enjoyed in the afternoon and refreshments were served.

Among those who enjoyed the Christmas dinner at Bethel Inn were: Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Gehring, Mrs. Frederick T. West, Miss Mary H. True, Miss Maria Penne, Miss Catherine Bryant, Mrs. E. M. Archibald, Mr. H. W. Spencer, Mr. William P. Blake, Mr. D. H. Spencer, Mr. Harry Leake, Mr. L. E. Esler, Mr. W. J. Upson, Mr. Wm. Bingham, 2nd, Mr. Harold Rich, Miss Helen Rose, Mr. Rose, Mr. S. A. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tuell, Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Tuell, Mr. and Mrs. Gottard Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Herick and daughter, Margaret, Miss Annie Frye, Mr. T. B. Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Young, Mr. E. B. Merrill and Miss Harriet Merrill.

CARD OF THANKS.

Died at McCarthy's Hospital at Rumford, Dec. 19, 1915, Nellie, wife of A. T. POWERS, Aged 47 Years.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our friends for their thoughtful kindness to our loved one in her last sickness.

In speaking of the friends who called and the letters and post cards and flowers sent, she said: "I tell you it helps. I lay here and look at the beautiful flowers and think of my dear friends." May the Lord give you friends to help when you are called to walk through the Valley of the Shadow is my prayer.

A. T. Powers,
Lewis Powers,
Lilla Andrews,
Edith P. Thayer.

GRANGE NEWS

WEST PARIS GRANGE.

West Paris Grange will hold an all day meeting on Jan. 8, when the officers for the ensuing year will be installed. Franklin Grange of Bryant's Pond has been invited to be present. The afternoon service will be open to the public when George M. Twitchell of Augusta will give an address. Subject, "The Cost of An Apple."

NORWAY GRANGE.

Oxford Pomona Grange will meet with Norway Grange, Jan. 4, 1916. There was no meeting held on Dec. 25, owing to storm and festivities that called many away. Installation of officers will be Jan. 8, 1916, for which arrangements are being made. The outlook for effective grange work was never better. All that's needed is a "long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together."

LONE MT. GRANGE.

There was a Christmas tree at Lone Mt. Grange Hall, Saturday for the members and their families. A dinner was served at noon by the committee. The following Christmas exercises were carried out: Recitation, Grace Porter; Harold Thurston; Cecil Newton; Recitation, Webster Learned; Harold Learned; Merle Akers; Singing, Althen Poor, Marie Elliott; Everett Thurston; Geo. Chase; Dialogue, "Waiting Up For Santa Claus," Thomas Learned, Pauline Small; Singing, encore, Webster Learned; Singing, Harold Learned; Merle Akers; Singing, Althen Poor, Marie Elliott; Everett Thurston; Geo. Chase.

BETHEL GRANGE.

Bethel Grange held its last regular meeting, Dec. 23. At roll call the following officers were present: Steward, Asst. Steward, Gate Keeper, Treasurer, Ceres, Pomona, Flora and Pianist. The literary program was given as follows: Roll Call, Items of Interest; Question: Shall a child be taught to believe there is a Santa Claus?

Discussed by all. Mae R. Bartlett; Edith Somerville. A Christmas program was given to the Lady Assistant Steward but owing to some misunderstanding it was not prepared. The next meeting will be the installation service, Jan. 13, 1916.

On Saturday, Jan. 5, 1916, the ladies of the Bethel Grange Sewing Club will hold a food sale at the store of C. K. Fox from 2 to 5 P. M.

The next meeting of the Bethel Grange Sewing Club will be held Jan. 11, 1916, at the home of Mrs. Levi Bartlett at 2 P. M. All ladies of the grange are cordially invited.

BEAR RIVER GRANGE.

On account of the burning of the Grange Hall at Newry, Bear River Grange held its regular meeting in the vestry of the church, Dec. 23, 1915, at 8:30 P. M. The worthy Master in chair filled vacant chairs as follows: Lecturer, Addie Saunders; Pomona, Cora Davis; Flora, Gladys Davis; L. A. S., Selma Smith. The Worthy Master reported that the Master of Bethel Grange had obtained by contributions at State Grange, enough money to purchase a new set of regalia for our Grange. It was voted that the Secretary find out how many manuals were saved and obtain enough to make a full set. A committee of three, S. P. Davis and wife, C. F. Saunders, were appointed to buy new furniture for the Grange. Cora Davis, Addie Saunders and Sarah Stearns were appointed as a committee on resolutions of respect on the death of Mrs. A. T. Powers. On account of the smallness of our new quarters it was voted to resell the vote in regard to public installation, and confine it to the Grangers and their families. On motion it was voted to have the installation the Friday previous, if the talent for entertaining, and the installing officer could come. The following is the literary program:

Declaration, Hay Parker; Song, Earl and Gladys Davis; Declaration, Earl Davis. There were twenty members present and one visitor. A treat of cornballs was furnished by Mrs. S. P. Davis.

NOTICE.

Whereas Len Vail and I have been lumbering in partnership for several winters this is to notify all concerned that the partnership has this day been dissolved and that I shall not be liable for any bills contracted after this date.

December 21, 1915.
HOWARD L. COBURN,
12-23-15 p. Bethel, Maine.

STATE GRANGE

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The State Grange closed one of its most enthusiastic and largely attended sessions last Thursday. From the beginning of the reception on Monday night to the closing session on Thursday night there was a general good feeling prevalent.

The following officers were installed by former State Master, C. S. Stetson: Master, W. J. Thompson, So. Chink; Overseer, John B. Abbott, Berwick; Lecturer, C. O. Purinton, Bowdoinham.

Steward, Daniel C. Foster, Augusta. Assistant Steward, A. L. Roberts, West Kennebunk.

Chaplain, A. E. Morse, South Paris. Treasurer, E. E. Addison, Leeds. Secretary, E. H. Libby, Auburn. Gate Keeper, S. K. Cushman, Steubon.

Ceres, Mrs. C. O. Purinton. Pomona, Mrs. J. E. Abbott. Flora, Mrs. W. J. Thompson. Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. A. L. Roberts.

Executive Committee: L. E. Tuttle, Caribou; E. M. Frye, Harrington. A touching scene was enacted at the Thursday forenoon session when C. S. Stetson for eight years worthy master of the State Grange, retired from the office and Hon. W. J. Thompson of So. China assumed the position. Mr. Stetson thanked the grangers for the support they had given him, and asked them to afford the same support to Mr. Thompson. The latter expressed the high appreciation the Grange has of Mr. Stetson's services. A. P. Howes of Palermo on behalf of the members of the State Grange presented to Mr. Stetson a fine gold watch as a token of their esteem and the retiring worthy master was visibly deeply affected by this concrete expression of good will.

A. K. Billings of Brownville followed this by the presentation on behalf of the grangers to Mrs. C. S. Stetson, who retired as Flora of the State Grange, a beautiful brooch pin, and Mrs. Stetson replied gracefully and feelingly. The Grange applauded loud and long, and there were many damp eyes in the audience.

Many important resolutions were presented and passed during the session.

FARNHAM-MILLETT.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, at eight o'clock occurred the marriage of J. Latchford and Harry G. Bryant, under the firm name of Latchford & Bryant, has this day been dissolved. All bills due said partnership must be paid within thirty days to said Latchford, and all bills outstanding against said partnership should be presented at once for payment to said Latchford, at the office of H. H. Hastings, Bethel, Maine.

NOTICE.

I wish to thank the public for their generous patronage given me through the holidays, also for the regular business and good will manifested through the two months my store has been open.

I also wish to thank you for the large amount of repair work that has been given me, and we shall continue to make you the lowest possible prices consistent with high grade stock and finished work.

Good goods at the lowest possible prices.

ELMER H. YOUNG.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Santa Claus called at most of the schoolhouses in Bethel and Greenwood. In some places his gifts appeared on a gaily decorated tree, in others in mysterious boxes and mammoth pies.

Miss Jeffers spent Christmas at her home in Gorham.

There will be a meeting of parents and teachers at the Locke's Mills schoolhouse, Thursday evening, for the purpose of organizing a Parent-Teacher Association.

Hereafter the office hours of the Superintendent of School will be from two to four and seven to eight P. M., Wednesdays, at Holden Hall.

All outstanding school bills against the towns of Bethel and Greenwood should be presented before January 20, 1916.

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DOMESTIC HAND LAUNDRY.

Ralph H. Young, Prop., 11-4-M. Bethel, Maine.

WANTED—Hay and straw for the Massachusetts trade, write me particulars. Best of references. CHAS. T. FOSTER, 12-23-12, Leominster, Mass.

NOTICE.

I wish to announce to the people of Bethel and vicinity that I am prepared to do all kinds of plumbing and repair work at a reasonable price. All work carefully and promptly attended to. ALBERT BURKE, Tel.—29-7. Bethel, Maine.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said Bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday the eleventh day of January, 1916 at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ELLERY C. PARK, Cashier. December 14, 1915.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between P. J. Latchford and Harry G. Bryant, under the firm name of Latchford & Bryant, has this day been dissolved. All bills due said partnership must be paid within thirty days to said Latchford, and all bills outstanding against said partnership should be presented at once for payment to said Latchford, at the office of H. H. Hastings, Bethel, Maine.

P. J. LATCHFORD, HARRY G. BRYANT. December 1, 1915. 12-16-34.

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NEWRY.

Dec. 25, born to the wife of Robert Egan, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. French went to West Paris last Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tuell.

Mrs. Emma Young, teacher in the school here, had a Christmas tree and entertainment for the children at the schoolhouse last Friday afternoon. It was a success as usual.

WEST GREENWOOD.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Baker and Mrs. Burgess spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. J. P. Coolidge.

Mrs. Ned Ray is teaching the winter term of school in District No. 7.

Tom Kennaugh has hired out for the winter with Norman Sanderson on Pine-tree Mountain.

Mr. J. P. Coolidge has been laid up for the past two weeks from injuries to his right side caused by being kicked by a frightened horse.

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A noble nature can alone attract the noble and wise know how to retain them.—Goethe.

SUNDAY RIVER.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Spinney and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bailey came from Shelburne, N. H., Saturday to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Spinney.

Miss Ella Kendall spent Christmas with her parents.

J. W. Reynolds is having a telephone put in his house.

R. L. Foster has bought a set of sleds of Howard Bailey.

L. L. Spinney has gone to Magalloway with his four horses to work for Thurston Bros.

Taylor and Jolbert both spent Christmas at their homes.

Mrs. Howard Bailey had the misfortune to lose her little black horse, Dina, one day recently.

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CITIZEN

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JAN. 1, 1917

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BETHEL AND VICINITY.

We wish all our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mr. W. W. Hastings was a guest of relatives in Auburn, Sunday.

Miss Mary B. Merrill was in Portland a few days last week.

Mrs. Augusta M. Pratt of Auburn is visiting her brothers in town.

Mr. George Dwyer spent Christmas with his family at So. Paris.

Mrs. Mary Bucknam of West Paris is a guest of Mrs. J. G. Billings.

Miss Mae Wiley spent Christmas with her niece, Mrs. Chase, in Portland.

Mr. Carl York spent Saturday and Sunday at his home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Young were in Berlin, N. H., one day last week.

Miss Evelyn Starling of Yarmouth is visiting her aunt, Mrs. F. E. Farrington.

Mr. Herman Robertson has returned from an extended visit in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Curtis were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Chamberlain, Saturday.

Mr. Harry Carter of Berlin, N. H., spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Ella Carter.

Mrs. Fitzmaurice Vail and little son, Morris, of Portland are visiting relatives in town.

Dr. E. L. Brown and family were week end guests of Dr. Brown's mother in Norway.

Miss Mary Cummings entertained her brother, Alvin, and wife, from West Bethel over Christmas.

Mrs. A. E. Marston of Yarmouth is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Farrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carter of Boston are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in town.

Miss Ruth Farrington of Locke's Mills was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Farrington, Monday.

Miss Ethel Hammons and Miss Thelma Hutchison went to Boston, Tuesday, to spend a few days.

Vonle Brown went to Norway, Saturday, to see his mother, Mrs. Imogene Brown, who is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Haskell from Portland spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abbot Holt.

Miss Marian Mansfield of Smith College is spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ella Mansfield.

Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Mansfield and daughter, Marian, and Mr. J. L. Carver visited relatives at Bryant's Pond, Sunday.

Mr. L. W. Ramsell and family spent the week end with Mrs. Ramsell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holt, at No. Waterford.

Mr. F. B. Hall and family spent the week end with Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Duck, on Swan's Hill.

Mrs. A. C. Wight and two sons, Kenneth and Winfield, of Milan, N. H., were week end guests of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Wight.

Mrs. Angella Clark entertained Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mason and daughter, Elizabeth, and Miss Maria Robertson, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Richardson of Orono, Me., spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gotthard Carlson, who have been visiting Mrs. Carlson's parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Tuell, returned to their home in Dorchester, Mass., Tuesday.

Christmas was observed with appropriate exercises at the Woman's Relief Corps last Wednesday evening. A bag full of presents were brought in and each had the privilege of reaching in the bag and appropriating a present to themselves which caused much merriment, especially when one of the ladies got an A. B. C. picture book. Arrangements were made for the installation of the officers for 1916 and will occur Jan. 12, Mrs. Arvilla Morgan, installing officer.

Many people were thankful that the bad rain of Sunday came after rather than before Christmas. The day gave us all sorts of weather; first it rained and then it snowed and then the wind blew a gale. The attendance at the shurehes was very small.

Among the pleasant occasions of Christmas was the dinner party, Christmas Day, at Mr. and Mrs. Ned Carter's, when seventeen sat down to dinner. Mrs. Carter entertained her mother and sisters, her brother and family, and members of Mr. Carter's family. Mr. A. M. Carter presided and was surrounded by children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Ben Tyler visited Mrs. Everett Smith, Monday.

Miss Louise Wheeler is visiting relatives in Milan, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidelinger are visiting her parents at Boothbay Harbor.

The W. O. C. U. will meet with Mrs. F. B. Chandler, Tuesday, Jan. 4.

Mr. Charles Poor of Andover was a guest of Mr. W. W. Hastings, Monday.

Mr. F. L. Edwards attended the Commandery at Norway, Christmas.

Winfield Howe has returned to the Grand Trunk station as baggage master.

There will be a watch night service at the Methodist Church, Friday evening.

Mr. Albert Clark returned Tuesday to his studies at Wentworth Institute, Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wakefield of No. Bethel spent Christmas at Ziba Durkee's.

George Boyce spent several days in West Paris with his aunt, Mrs. S. I. Wheeler.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. F. B. Tuell, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mrs. M. L. Thurston visited her daughter, Mrs. Frank Stevens, in Portland, recently.

Miss Mildred Morgan is enjoying her vacation with relatives in Milan, N. H.

Evelyn Chandler of Norway is spending the Christmas vacation with her grandparents.

Lester Wood from South Paris spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Austin and son, Charles, spent Christmas with her parents in Shelburne.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tuell, who have been spending a few weeks at Fall River, Mass., have returned home.

Mr. Gard Twaddles of Bowdoin Medical School spent Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Twaddles.

The local basketball team defeated the Cecile Querin A. A., of Berlin last Saturday evening by a score of 42 to 11.

Miss Ruth Duck has returned to Mr. Gilbert Tuell's after spending a few weeks' vacation at her home on Swan's Hill.

Mr. Harold Rich of Williams College is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Rich.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Allen and daughter, Ethel, of West Bethel were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Allen, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Farwell and daughter, Marjorie, took Christmas dinner with Mr. A. Van Den Kerkhoven and family.

Mrs. Amelia Grover and little grandson, Ralph, spent Christmas with her daughter, Gladys, at R. W. Kilgore's, North Newry.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hing and son, Wendell, of West Paris, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kendall.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmon Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Dellison Conroy were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Conroy at Mechanic Falls.

Mrs. Ada Twitcheell of Berlin, N. H., her daughter, Mollie, and son, Leslie, and Walter Wight and family were Christmas guests at Mr. William Farwell's.

Many people were thankful that the bad rain of Sunday came after rather than before Christmas. The day gave us all sorts of weather; first it rained and then it snowed and then the wind blew a gale. The attendance at the shurehes was very small.

Among the pleasant occasions of Christmas was the dinner party, Christmas Day, at Mr. and Mrs. Ned Carter's, when seventeen sat down to dinner. Mrs. Carter entertained her mother and sisters, her brother and family, and members of Mr. Carter's family. Mr. A. M. Carter presided and was surrounded by children and grandchildren.

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We heartily thank our many customers and friends for their patronage and support during the Holiday Season and trust that the cordial relations will continue throughout the coming year.

To All we wish a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

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The kind the best cooks use.

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Mr. Stuart Goodwin of Norway was a business visitor in town, Tuesday.

Owing to the storm last Sunday evening the concert at the Universalist Church was postponed for one week.

The ladies of the Universalist Circle will hold one of their socials at Grange Hall, Monday evening, Jan. 3rd. Dancing and whist. Come and have a good time.

There was a wedding at the residence of Rev. J. H. Little last Wednesday, Dec. 22. Roy G. Bennett and Katherine M. Brackley were united in marriage, using the double ring service. Both are of Bethel.

Mr. Robert Sandborn, mail carrier on route No. 1, returned to the post office, Saturday night in a very happy frame of mind. His sleigh had been literally packed with nice Christmas gifts for him from his East Bethel patrons.

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May strive with heart and soul
Those things which are most true.

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And when the bells on New Year dawn
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pieces it has brought you. We
a prosperous New Year.

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Stomach Catarrh Is
Very Prevalent

In this climate catarrh is a
prevalent disease. Catarrh af-
fects the stomach as often as
any other organ. Perhaps every
third person is more or less
troubled with stomach catarrh.
Peruna is extensively used in
these cases.

PERUNA THE KIDNEY
FAMILY
REMEDY

LOWELL ANIMAL
FERTILIZERS

To Progressive Farmers:

Due to the great European war, there is practically
no potash in this country available for agricultural
purposes. This scarcity makes those commercial
fertilizers which depend on potash far too expensive
for the majority of farmers.

Extensive experiments have been carried out by the Lowell
Fertilizer Co. in connection with farm crops. The results have
proven that larger amounts of organic ammonia and phosphate acid
than are ordinarily used will practically act in the place of potash.

We have made fertilizers from nature's own prearranged
animal matter, consisting of Bone, Blood and Meal. These
fertilizers have been tested, and in every instance they have proven
that good crops can be grown without the added expense of potash.

Read this letter from a progressive farmer who has tried the
Animal Fertilizer on his farm:

"In regard to fertilizers without potash, I used the three
kinds you sent me, with good results. They were compared
with a few tons of last year's goods containing 6 per cent
potash. These I planted in plots throughout the field, a
ton or so in the plot, and when I dug my potatoes, I could
see very little difference in the yield. I shall probably use
50 or 60 tons of your fertilizer next year, and I cannot
get potash at a fair price, will use without potash."

E. J. PARKER, Fatten, Maine.
You can make your crops good without paying abnormal prices
for potash. See your nearest Lowell dealer or address
LOWELL FERTILIZER CO., Boston, Mass.

OXFORD.

There were no services at the Metho-
dist and Congregational churches, Sun-
day, owing to the storm which made
travelling very dangerous.

The library was closed, Saturday eve-
ning.

A Christmas party was greatly en-
joyed by the members of the Metho-
dist Sunday school in the vestry, Sat-
urday evening. A fine program was
well rendered by the young people.

Christmas was observed in the Con-
gregational church with the usual en-
tertainment and tree. The program
was as follows: Voluntary, Lula An-
drews; song, congregation; Scripture
reading, Marion Starbird; prayer,
Rev. Malcolm McKay; Song, Miss
Wood, Miss Farris; Welcome recita-
tion, Merrill Storer; recitation, Inez
Farris; reading, Mrs. McKay; recita-
tion, Volzora Fields; song, Donald Por-
kings; march; recitations, Helen Heslop,
Harriet Storer, Grace Davis; exercise,
Santa's Parcel Post; recitation, Tommy
Heslop; song, B. Kay; exercise, Chris-
tmas Box; recitation, Hollis Kemp; ex-
ercise, Christmas Spirit. The part of
Santa Claus was finely represented by
Merrill Storer.

Phillip Lord is at home from Gould's
Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stone of Port-
land are here for a Christmas visit.

Mrs. Lillian Denning is spending a
few days with her mother, Mrs. Anna
Edwards.

Oena White is in Boston and vicinity
with friends over the holidays.

Principal John Moore and Marguerite
Starbird are ill with the prevailing dis-
ease, chicken pox.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Storer enter-
tained a party of friends at Christmas.

Mrs. James Fernald and family of
Portland are at Mrs. Rosa Stanton's.

Everett Cook is spending his vaca-
tion here.

Alton, Earle and Bertha Kava-
nagh have returned to Portland after
a brief visit home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edwards of Port-
land spent the holidays at E. W. Ed-
wards'.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Flood are in
Bath for a few days' visit.

Nellie Stanton returned from Normal
School, Friday night.

Frank Hawkes was at home for the
week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton DeLano of Whit-
man, Mass., are visiting at E. A. De-
Lano's.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cash of Nor-
way and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cash of
Litchfield were at George Cash's, Sun-
day.

Charles Merrier of Portland was in
town the past week.

Miss Eva Dean went to Bethel, Thurs-
day, for the remainder of her vacation.

Mrs. Amy Berry of Danvers, Mass.,
is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Holden spent in
Norway.

Leoline Robinson is spending the
Christmas vacation with her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robinson.

Alfreda Haskell, a student of Bates
College, is at home for a ten days' re-
cess.

W. E. Boyd has lost one of his fine
work horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hanscom are
spending a few weeks in Boston.



When you acknowledge your
Christmas gifts don't forget the
Red Cross Seal. Almost 1800 have
been sold. Have you done your
share?

CANTON

*Miss Abbie C. Bicknell is visiting her
sister, Mrs. C. O. Holt, and family of
Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert V. Foster of
Chesterfield spent Christmas with their
daughter, Mrs. A. S. Bicknell, and
family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stetson and chil-
dren of Sumner spent the week end
with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank
W. Dodge.

Miss Carrie E. Hayford is on a visit
to her aunts, Mrs. Mary Noyes and Mrs.
Jene Bettinson, of Cambridge, Mass.

Mrs. Joanne Mitchell is in falling
health.

Willis Wagner is spending the win-
ter with his daughter, Mrs. Dean Davis,
of Jackson, N. H.

Mrs. A. W. Ellis and son, Morton,
spent Christmas with her granddaugh-
ter, Mrs. Leon Roberts, and family, of
Readfield.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Russell entertain-
ed on Christmas Day their entire fam-
ily of children and their families.

A Christmas present of a nice large
tag was received by O. M. Richardson
from one of his last season's boarders
to be used at Pinewood.

A union Christmas tree was held at
the United Baptist Church, Friday eve-
ning and a fine entertainment given by
the children.

A Christmas tree was enjoyed at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Russell,
Jr., Saturday evening, and the home
was decorated with evergreens and red
and green crepe paper.

Miss Ruth Richardson is visiting her
nunt, Miss M. N. Richardson, of Boston.

Mrs. H. A. Syolt has been a guest of
Mrs. L. F. Allen of Livermore Falls.

Mrs. William F. Mitchell has return-
ed from Penobscot, Mass., where she
submitted to a surgical operation some
six or eight weeks ago, and is improv-
ing in health.

Mrs. F. M. Oliver is in very poor
health.

It. Frank Richardson is spending the
holidays at his home in town.

Mrs. Albert Curran has received word
of the death of her mother, Mrs. Ann
Lewis, of Chatham, N. B.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy P. Boothby and
children spent Christmas with his par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Boothby,
of South Livermore.

Miss Ruby Bryant was at her home
for Christmas and Monday went to Au-
burn to work.

George E. Grover and friend, El-
bridge Hand, spent Christmas at the
home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas.
B. Richardson, and family.

Miss Marcella L. Jones of Sanford has
been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
S. C. Jones.

Mrs. John P. Swasey and daughter,
Miss Minnie E. Swasey, returned last
week from their visit in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Prescott Hogworth en-
tertained all of their children and fam-
ilies on Christmas Day.

Harris Jones is visiting his sister,
Mrs. Julia Snow, of Hopkinton, N. H.

Olan Briggs of Livermore is teaching
the Union school in Canton.

The remains of Melissa Jones, widow
of Orville Jones of Lewiston, were
brought to Canton, Monday, and buried
in the Pine Woods Cemetery. Mrs.
Jones, who was nearly eighty years of
age, died quite suddenly Friday of pneu-
monia. Before marriage she was Miss
Melissa Walker and lived on the farm
now owned by S. C. Jones. She is sur-
vived by a daughter, Miss Lena Jones,
one son, Harry Jones, and one grandson.
The funeral was held Sunday at the
home, 102 Wood street.

On account of the bad storm the
Christmas service at the Universalist
Church was postponed until next Sun-
day, the hour of the meeting being at
2.35.

The following officers were elected by
Ponemah Robekah Lodge, Friday even-
ing: N. O. Mrs. Velda Bicknell; Sec.
Mrs. Ezra Chamberlain; Rec. Sec.
Mrs. Mabel Bicknell; Fin. Sec. Helen
A. Eastman; Treas. Mrs. Cara Harding;
Trustees, E. E. Weisgate, Mrs. Mabel
Glines and Clara M. Harrows.

WAR UPON PAIN!
Pain is a visitor to every home and
usually it comes quite unexpectedly.
Put you are prepared for every emer-
gency if you keep a small bottle of
Blox's Liniment handy. It is the
greatest pain killer ever discovered.
Simply laid on the skin—no rubbing
required—it drives the pain away. It
is really wonderful.

Mervin H. Solater, Berkeley, Cal.,
writes: "Last Saturday, after tramp-
ing around the Panama Exposition
with wet feet, I came home with my
neck so stiff that I couldn't turn. I
applied Blox's Liniment freely and
went to bed. To my surprise, next
morning the stiffness had almost dis-
appeared, four hours after the second
application I was as good as new."

March, 1915. At Druggists. 25c.
Advertisement.

So long as we love, we serve; so
long as we are loved by others I would
almost say that we are indispensable;
and no man is useless while he has a
friend.—H. L. Stevenson.

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is reward enough for any man with pride in his appearance.

To know that you look prosperous is almost equivalent to being pros-
perous, for neat dress is a big help to any man's success.

Combine correct style and real economy by wearing guaranteed all-wool

KIRSCHBAUM CLOTHES

at \$12, \$15, \$18, \$20 and \$22.

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The greatest throat and lung remedy. No opiates or alcohol.
On sugar pleasant to take. 25 and 50c at all dealers.

SOUTH PARIS.

The wood lot on the Oxford road,
owned by the heirs of the late Joseph
Knight was sold at auction, Saturday,
to W. H. Chadbourne of Waterford for
\$1600.00. The deed is to be made to
Osman K. Clifford of South Paris. It
is understood that Chadbourne and
Clifford soon will begin cutting.

The newly elected officers of Wm.
K. Kimball Post, O. A. B., are: C.
John P. Plummer; J. V. C. Whitefield
Stuart; Chap. Edwin Spofford; O. G.
Benjamin Hicks; Adj. Henry Maxim;
Q. M. S. George Cole; S. V. C. Isaac
Monk; Q. M. John March; O. D.
Franklin Maxim; Surg. Thomas Pow-
ers; S. M. William L. Gray.

Mrs. Roy E. Cole and son, Howard,
of Canton, Mass., have arrived at the
home of Mrs. Cole's parents, Mr. and
Mrs. William J. Wheeler, to spend the
holidays.

Beginning Jan. 2, the week of prayer
will be observed with union services
at the Baptist, Congregational and
Methodist churches.

Mrs. Walter S. Jones, who has been
in California the past year, has re-
turned home. Her daughter, Miss Hattie
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a while longer.

Harry T. Jordan, manager of Keith's
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THE VALUE OF A SIMPLE ACCOUNT SYSTEM TO EVERY POULTRY OWNER.

By G. E. Conkey.

The proprietor of any commercial poultry farm is sure to have an accurate system of keeping accounts, for it is as necessary to piloting his business to success as it is to the successful running of a store or factory. This same principle applies to the farmer or any person who keeps a flock of chickens as a side line.

Aside from the fact that the accurate keeping of an account system will often create a liking for and an interest in poultry raising that might not otherwise be awakened and is likely to develop in the poultry owner a spirit of economy that will help him greatly in the management of other affairs, it has many practical advantages that should make it invaluable.

Its greatest value, of course, lies in the fact that it enables a poultry owner to determine at any time whether his birds are being kept at a profit or loss and the extent of the profit or loss in any given period.

However, an accurate account system will also enable a poultry owner to determine the effectiveness of his feeding rations, for it will show whether the receipts from the eggs laid by his hens give him a reasonable profit over the cost of their feed. All home-grown grain should be charged at market prices and all eggs kept for home consumption should be credited at the prices that would be obtained for them if they were sold. Then, if the hens do not pay for their board, experiments should be made to make the feeding methods more effective.

In addition, accurate account records are likely to be valuable for future reference. For instance, a comparison of records extending over several years will show whether or not an improvement has been made in the management of the flock and thereby whether or not a change of existing methods is advisable.

For starting an account system there could be no better time than the beginning of the new year. Simplicity should be the keynote, for the system that will be valued most will be the one that will require only a few minutes a day or every couple of days to make the necessary entries. A loose-leaf binder or blank account book about \$1.00, obtainable at any stationery store, will prove excellent for holding the records.

A single entry system that will answer the requirements of the average poultry owner, yet require very little work, can be laid out as follows: Mark the word "Debit" at the extreme upper edge of the first sheet on the left side of your account book and the word "Credit" at the top of the sheet opposite it on the right side. These two sheets will be for January records and eleven more left-side Debit sheets and eleven more right-side Credit sheets can be used for the other months of the year.

The Debit sheets should be ruled into six columns, headed: Date, Item, Feed, Equipment, Miscellaneous, Total. On the Debit sheet for January should be entered all money spent during January. For instance, three bushels of wheat bought on January 11th at \$1.20 a bushel should be set down as follows: "11 11" in the Date column; "3 bu. Wheat @ \$1.20" in the Item column; and the total cost, \$3.60, should be set down in the Total column; and this \$3.60 should also be set down in the Total column.

The Credit sheets should also be ruled into six columns, headed: Date, Item, Market Eggs, Market Poultry, Miscellaneous, Total. On the Credit

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sheet for January should be entered all money received during that month. Eight dozens of eggs sold on January 14th at 44 cents a dozen would therefore be set down as follows: "14 14" in the Date column; "8 doz. Eggs @ 44 cents" in the Item column; the total amount received for the eggs, \$3.52, in the Market Eggs column; and this \$3.52 also in the Total column.

Probably the only entry whose handling is likely to cause the poultry owner any study in when eggs are kept for hatching. They, like eggs kept for home consumption, should be credited at the prevailing selling price, but, as they must be classed with feed and equipment as an investment to produce more profit, they should also be charged in the Miscellaneous column of the current Debit sheet. The transaction simply represents a sale by the poultry owner to himself and therefore requires two entries.

At the end of each month the Total column of each sheet for that month should be added up and the difference between the two columns will show the profit or loss of the birds for that month. If this process is repeated each month, it will soon enable the poultry owner to accurately determine whether his flock is a paying or losing investment.

With practically no additional work, this system can be expanded to show whether the birds are paying back the principal of the investment which they represent. To do this the poultry owner should put down on his first Debit sheet a fair valuation of his flock, poultry buildings and equipment and at the end of each month carry the profit or loss balance over to start with on the correct sheet for the following month. At first the balance will be overwhelmingly on the Debit side, but, if the birds are given good care and management, it will probably decrease gradually until eventually the balance is on the right side.

Guess-work is unprofitable and often costly in any business and, for this reason, every poultry owner should keep some sort of accurate records. When once tried, he will find them "worth many times the little bit of pleasant clerical work involved."

FOWLS FOR EXHIBITION.

Preparing Show Birds—Good Physical Condition, Handsome Plumage, and Careful Grooming Essential.

Every fowl, whether young or mature, should be in first-class show condition when it enters the exhibition hall. The plumage should be the standard length for the breed, lustrous and plentiful, the head bright red in color, and the comb developed to the required size. The specimen should appear in handsome dress, good physical condition, and trained to exhibit his good qualities to advantage. Careful training imparts to a bird sufficient confidence to assume and hold desired poses under show-room conditions.

If possible, obtain exhibition coops similar to those used at the show you will attend. Cover the floor with short straw or a mixture of bran and straw for feathered-leg breeds. Two months before the show place the birds you intend to exhibit in the coops at night. Visit the coops as frequently as you can and handle the birds often. Carry them around under the arm, open their wings and examine the undercolor, and accustom them to every movement of the judge. It is not advisable or necessary to keep the show birds confined in the training coops. A day at a time is sufficient. Then, allow them the run of the house for two or three days and outdoor exercise if seasonable.

It is necessary to examine show birds carefully at least 10 weeks before the show. Remove all imperfect feathers, in the hope that they will be replaced by feathers of standard color. Frequently a colored feather showing a little white along the edge of the web will melt out perfectly when the fowl is well fed on sour milk mash, meat, and grain. Never pluck a new feather—one in which the quill is filled with fluid—as it will invariably return partially white. A few days before the exhibition examine your birds again and pluck the imperfect feathers. It is quite a problem to determine the best procedure when there is foreign color in some of the large feathers on the wings or tail. If the color is a cause for disqualification, there is no justification for shipping the bird to the show. What is best to do will depend upon the quality of the specimen in other respects and upon the amount of defective color in the wings. Usually these

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defects occur in similar feathers in both wings.

All white fowls must be washed, and most fowls of other colors can be improved in appearance by washing, fluffing, and grooming before the show. For white birds have three tubs filled with (1) warm, soft or rain water; (2) warm, soft or rain water; (3) warm, soft or rain water colored the proper shade to rinse and blue white goods. Use a bar of good white or castile soap and a large sponge and a nail brush. If the temperature of the room is 80 degrees or 85 degrees and bring the birds in clean exhibition coops, the floors of which should be covered with fresh, dry shavings. Wash the males first. Clean the shanks and feet with the nail brush, soap, and water. Insert the bird in tub (1) and put it down under the water several times until the plumage is wet through; make a heavy lather with the sponge and soap, and thoroughly wash the plumage with the sponge; open the wings and sponge them in the direction of the feathers. (In fact, always wash the length of the feather, from the quill to the tip and not across it.) Keep the bird's head out of the soapy water if possible; sponge the soap off the head, and remove to tub (2). Press it under the water several times, allow it to stand and drip for a few seconds, and then dip it twice in tub (3) containing the bluing water. Remove the bird from the water, hold its legs firmly and raise it up and down quickly, so that it will flap and expand

its wings and tail and shake out the water. Do not use a towel to dry a white bird.

Move the exhibition coop near the fire or some heat, so that the bird will dry. Lifting up the plumage of the breast and opening the feathers of the fluff while drying has a tendency to increase the apparent size of these sections. It is necessary to examine the white birds frequently if the coops are near a stove to guard against overheating them or scorching or curling their feathers.

The shanks and feet of exhibition fowls must be absolutely clean and well polished. To overcome rough scales rub the legs twice daily with a cloth dipped in kerosene, and a short time before the show wash them thoroughly. Use a good scouring soap, woolen cloth, and warm water. Remove any old or rough scales and also the dirt between the scales. The latter can be taken out with toothpicks. Dry the shanks and apply a solution of equal parts of sweet oil and alcohol. Then warm a woolen cloth and scrape a little beeswax on it. The warmth will melt the wax, and the shanks should then be polished with the waxed cloth.

Before shipping the birds to the exhibition apply the sweet oil and alcohol solution to the face and comb. If you are showing white birds, fluff their plumage, after washing and when roughly dry, with equal parts of bran and rice flour. Some exhibitors use cornstarch, which is equally satisfac-

tory. This prevents the plumage becoming soiled, and when the starch is shaken out at the show and the fowls are groomed they apparently take a higher polish. However, the coops must have wooden or muslin tops and sides to prevent rain coming in contact with the starched plumage. The final grooming is accomplished with a silk-handkerchief, rubbing and polishing the feathers until the plumage has a high luster.

INDOOR WINDOW BOX.

Ferns, Ivy, Smilax, and Geraniums Are Easily Grown—Flowering Plants Require Special Conditions.

Those who love plants need have no hesitation in installing window boxes in their homes. The old notion that plants make living rooms unhealthful is quite unfounded, according to specialists of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., for the consumption of air by plants is so small that it may safely be ignored if the room is ventilated as it should be. On the other hand, the window box will furnish much interest and pleasure through the period when outdoor gardening is impracticable. The following suggestions for a window box are made by the department's gardeners:

Preparing the Box.

A good depth for an indoor window box is 10 to 12 inches. The larger the body of soil, the easier to maintain uniform moisture conditions.

Cover the bottom of the box with stones and broken pottery to give drainage, and cover this with a layer of moss to prevent the soil above from working down through the stones. The drainage and moss should take up 2 to 3 inches. The soil should come to within an inch and a half or 2 inches of the top of the box.

Those who do not have gardens will do well to get potting soil of the nearest florist. If it is desired to prepare it, one part compost, one part good loam, and one part sand should be used. The compost should be cow manure and good turf rotted together for a year and turned two or three times in the interim. Well-decomposed leaf mold would answer as a partial substitute for the compost. In regions where the forests have a large share of beech, maple, elm, basswood, and ash, the best potting soil is "woods earth." This is soil from a sheltered position in the woods and has a large proportion of leaf mold. Oak and chestnut leaves do not decay into mold as readily as those mentioned above. One-twentieth part bone meal is a good addition to the mixture. If the loam is very heavy, containing much clay, its proportion should be somewhat diminished. If the loam is light and sandy, reduce the amount of sand, or in some localities omit it altogether.

Place the top of the box level with the window ledge so as to get as much light as possible. It may be fastened with brackets, placed on a table, or on legs. Keep a drip pan beneath to prevent water from seeping the floor. The box may rest directly above the drip pan on legs half an inch to an inch high, or it may be water tight with the exception of a hole at one end to let out the excess when overwatered.

Allow the top of the soil to become quite dry once in a while. Experience in watering will teach the owner to regulate the supply. The boxes may need watering every day in sunshiny weather, especially toward spring, or at least every other day, but in cloudy midwinter weather they may not need it often than once a week.

In steam-heated rooms a receptacle containing water should be kept on the radiator, so that the air will not become too dry.

Foliage Plants Most Satisfactory.

Select plants with the same general requirements, as plants of different character demand different treatment. It requires more care through a longer season to produce blooms in a window box than to grow good foliage. Flowering plants are exacting, and will not as a rule stand enough light in the ordinary living room, even though placed near the window, although they may do well in a conservatory.

Vines are among the most satisfactory plants for a window box. Among those that can be trained up over the window to make an attractive green frame are English ivy (*Hedera helix*), German ivy (*Baccharis mikanioides*), and smilax (*Asparagus asparagoides*). The first two are grown from cuttings, which are best started in spring, while the smilax is best started in late winter from seed. Rooted plants of all these may, however, be purchased from florists. Strings to support the vines are necessary.

Geraniums when grown with these vines are attractive as foliage plants, but are not likely to give much bloom in a soil moist enough for the vines. To induce bloom, geraniums should be grown in a separate box or in pots.

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varieties may be expected to grow well and to flower under the conditions that suit the vines already described.

Ferns in variety are available for the window box and may be selected at any florist's to suit the taste of the grower, but dwarf varieties are better suited for the room available. Ferns may be grown with begonias satisfactorily. Both require a temperature lower than the average living room.

Coleus is another group of plants that may be grown in a window box, but they must have sun. The leaves of these plants have a wide range of color and marking as well as of size and shape. They must have a warmer atmosphere than the plants already mentioned, a temperature of 55 degrees to 60 degrees at night being desirable. The mealy bug is often quite troublesome on Coleus.

For an upright plant growing a foot or eighteen inches high *Aspidistra* is satisfactory. The leaves of this plant grow in somewhat the same manner as garden flags, but there are varieties with variegated leaves as well as those with green leaves.

Kentworth ivy is a trailing plant that is attractive when it droops over the sides of the box. It is a delicate-looking, easily grown vine, with small leaves and small white flowers. It is usually grown from seed, but late in the season it may be better to purchase plants from the florist.

Another good plant for drooping over the box is the *Mesembryanthemum* tricolor, or air plant. It is very easily grown from cuttings.

To make a variety some of the *Stedums* are very attractive and stand more neglect than many other plants. *Sedum auro*, or "Love Entangle," will form a mat on the surface or hang over the edge of the box, while *Sedum spectabile*, "Old Hen and Chickens," will make little clusters of blue-green among other greens.

Another good group of plants for the window box is the *Mesembryanthemum*, or ice plants. There are several of these to be obtained, all of them more or less trailing in habit.

An attractive flowering vine that will thrive under conditions suitable for geraniums, and more particularly Coleus, is the nasturtium. This is grown from seed, and blooms through a long season.

Flowering plants to supplement the green of the window garden need to be grown elsewhere through at least a part of their existence and be brought in when in bloom. Winter bulbs, lilies, potted geraniums, and many other flowering plants may be supplied from time to time either from the florist or from a window in some less-used room where they are grown till nearly ready to bloom.

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The estate of the late Mark amounts to \$12,488.00. Mrs. Lott is the executor.

Rev. John M. Arters is spending holidays at the home of his parents, Middleton, Delaware.

Miss Judith Beliveau, who teaches at Penobscot, Me., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mrs. Severen Beliveau, of Str. Park.

Wesley Jernaud, who is a student at the school of dentistry at Pennsylvania, is visiting friends in town.

Miss Frances Harris is at the Lassell Seminary, Auburn, Me., to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mrs. James W. H. Prospect avenue.

Francis Warren, a student at Maine College, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Warren.

Miss Alice Mixer and Miss Wheat are at home from Nassau to the Christmas holidays.

Fred H. Bartlett has purchased Sessions farm in Milton.

Last week the assessors had four of the new 250 candle power lamps installed on Congress street changed candle power. It was the first time to install 600 candle power lamps. Mr. Mixer, watchful of the expense the village corporation, decided 250 candle power would give satisfaction. But during Monday week, some of the merchants' idea that it would be a judicious expenditure of money to have candle power lamps. Therefore, assessors have had twenty-four of candle power lamps installed.

If the assessors conclude that payers had rather pay the extra than the lamps will be changed to 600 candle power.

Letters from Mrs. George W. Gill indicate that she is enjoying very much the climate of Southern Maine. Several interesting cards, photographs of places, etc., have been received from Mrs. Petterson friends in town.

Miss Louise Roussin, who is a student at the Maine College at Waterville, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Perry of Oquossoc.

Henry Perry of Oquossoc, who was confined at the Emergency hospital for some time with a bad blood poisoning, is able to be out again.

Arthur Marcoux has just graduated from Bliss Business College in London, where he has been taking a stenotype and stenography.

At the last meeting of the Rumford Lodge the following officers were elected: N. G., Ethel M. Skilling; U. M., Abbott; Secretary, Leonard; Treasurer, J. Hattie Varney.

Raymond Stearns, a student at Maine College, is at home for the holidays, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aretas E. Stearns.

Rand A. Dunham is at home at Bowdoin College for the Christmas holidays and is a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Dunham of Knox street.

Manager Taylor of the Rumford basketball team has arranged for following games for the season: Dec. 21, at Rumford; Dec. 22, at Rumford; Dec. 23, at Rumford; Dec. 24, at Rumford; Dec. 25, at Rumford; Dec. 26, at Rumford; Dec. 27, at Rumford; Dec. 28, at Rumford; Dec. 29, at Rumford; Dec. 30, at Rumford; Dec. 31, at Rumford.

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RUMFORD

The estate of the late Mark Elliott amounts to \$12,438.00. Mrs. Laura Elliott is the executor.

Rev. John M. Arters is spending the holidays at the home of his parents in Middleton, Delaware.

Miss Judith Beliveau, who teaches at Penobscot, Me., is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Severin Beliveau, of Strathglass Park.

Wesley Jorrald, who is attending the school of dentistry at Pennsylvania, is visiting friends in town.

Miss Frances Harris is at home from Lassell Seminary, Auburn, Mass., to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Harris, of Prospect avenue.

Francis Warren, a student at Bowdoin College, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. John S. Warren.

Miss Alice Mixer and Miss Mildred Wheat are at home from Nason Institute for the Christmas holidays.

Fred H. Bartlett has purchased the Sessions farm in Milton.

Last week the assessors had twenty-four of the new 250 candle power lamps on Congress street changed to 600 candle power.

It was the primary idea to install 600 candle power lamps, but Mr. Mixer, watchful of the expenses of the village corporation, decided that 250 candle power would give complete satisfaction.

But during Merchant's Week, some of the merchants had the idea that it would be a judicious expenditure of money to have the 600 candle power lamps. Therefore, the assessors have had twenty-four of the 600 candle power lamps installed on trial.

If the assessors conclude that the taxpayers had rather pay the extra cost, then all the lamps will be changed to 600 candle power.

Letters from Mrs. George W. Pettengill indicate that she is enjoying the beautiful climate of Southern Florida very much.

Several interesting post cards, photographs of places, etc., have been received from Mrs. Pettengill by friends in town.

Miss Louise Roussin, who attends Mont Moreau Academy at Waterville, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roussin.

Henry Perry of Oquossoc, who has been confined at the Emergency Hospital for some time with a bad case of blood poisoning, is able to be out once again.

Arthur Marcoux has just graduated from Bliss Business College in Lewiston, where he has been taking a course in stenography and typography.

At the last meeting of Purity Rebekah Lodge the following officers were elected: N. G. Ethel M. Skillings; V. G. Mae Abbott; Secretary, Lena Felt; Treasurer, J. Hattie Varney.

Raymond Stearns, a student at Bowdoin College, is at home for the holidays, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stearns.

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The newly elected members of the board of governors of Mechanics Institute are: Emil Belanger, Julius Burgess, Frank M. Taylor, James McGee and Nahum Moore.

As a result of the work of the Christmas committee chosen by the Oxford Paper Co., for charitable work, seventy-five families in Rumford, Mexico and Virginia were made happy on Christmas Day by gifts of well chosen shoes, clothing, caps, mittens, groceries and fuel.

The Boy Scouts aided in the distribution of the gifts.

Mrs. Alice Abbott and son, William, of Virginia, are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rohlf, of Fall River, Mass.

Merle Wescott, Charles Niles and William Taylor are at home for the Christmas vacation from the University of Maine.

James Dyer, a student at Phillips Exeter Academy, Andover, Mass., is the guest of his parents on Gate street.

Miss Hazel MacGregor is at home from Wellesley College to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James MacGregor, of Franklin street.

Howard Grimmin left last week for his home in Winterville, Me., where he will spend the Christmas recess.

Miss Alice Henry, who is spending the winter in Portland, arrived on Friday last to spend a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Henry, of Penobscot street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Coan of Auburn were in Rumford over the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Frederic O. Eaton, Mrs. Eaton being a sister of Mrs. Coan.

Dana Burditt was home from Massachusetts for the holidays with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Burditt.

Dr. Charles M. Babcock spent the Christmas holidays with his son, Prof. Marlan Babcock, of Exeter, N. H.

Mr. F. J. Latham, engineer of the Oxford Paper Co., who has been ill for the past two weeks, was able to set up for a while on Christmas Day. His many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

James McGregor, who has been confined to his home for some time by illness, is reported much better.

Miss Lena Felt, stenographer in the office of Supt. Lovejoy of the M. C. R. R., is spending the holidays at her old home, Bryant's Pond. Her brother, Archie Felt, is substituting for her in the M. C. office.

Miss Alma Sullivan, private stenographer to New York office of Hugh J. Chisholm, arrived in Rumford to spend the holidays with her people.

Mr. B. B. Kennard, treasurer of the Rumford National Bank, together with Mrs. Kennard, spent the Christmas holiday in Westbrook and Portland.

B. E. Cornell, General Agent, M. C. R. R., wife and daughter, spent Christmas with Mrs. Cornell's people in Portland, returning to Rumford on Sunday.

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EAST BETHEL

Mr. J. E. Fifield recently visited his sister, Mrs. G. K. Hastings.

Miss Bertha Cole was a Christmas guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cole.

Mr. Russell Swan is at home from Worcester, Mass., for the holidays.

Mrs. Lucetta B. Bean has gone to Lawrence, Mass., for several weeks' stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kimball of Boston were over Christmas guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kimball, and of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lyon and two little daughters of Rumford Falls were over Christmas guests of Mrs. Lyon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bartlett.

Mrs. R. C. Clark of Lisbon, Me., is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Kimball.

Mrs. Mabel Bartlett recently visited her daughter, Miss Lilla Bartlett, who is in the C. M. G. Hospital, Lewiston.

Miss Edna Bartlett and Miss Ethel Cole gave a very pleasant Christmas entertainment with Christmas trees for the pupils in each room with the following program in Miss Bartlett's room:

Song, "The Christmas," School Recitation, "The Holly," Lloyd Thompson

Recitation, "Merry Xmas," Edith Trask

Recitation, "Watching the Plocks," Othello Reed

Song, "Merry Christmas," School Recitation, "A New Mary," Clair Swan

Recitation, "The Reason Why," Leo Bartlett

Recitation, "Winter," Lester Coolidge

Song, "Bethlehem Babe," School Recitation, "Christmas Thoughts," Ernest Burhoe

Recitation, "Christmas Dreams and Christmas Eve," Flora Merrill

Poem, "Christmas Carol," School Recitation, "Christmas Eve," Florine Burhoe

Recitation, "Christmas," Bonnie Trask

Recitation, "Progressive Santa," Myrtle Swan

Recitation, "Beautiful Task," Fon Thompson

Dialogue, "Playing Santa Claus," School Program in Miss Cole's room:

Song, "Aid to the King of Winter," School Recitation, "A Possibility," Glendon Hutchins

Recitation, "Envy," Stanley Swan

Recitation, "Secrets Big and Small," Winnie Burhoe

Recitation, "Red Stocking," Iva Bartlett

Song, "Up On the House Top," Ethel Hutchins

Recitation, "Dear Santa," Herbert Burhoe

Recitation, "Santa's Reindeer," Glenyce Cole

Recitation, "A Secret," Roger Swan

Recitation, "I've Said Please," James Burhoe

Song, "Cradle Song," James Swan

Recitation, "Peter, Patty, Polly," Bernice Haines

Recitation, "Buying Presents," Glendon Burhoe

Recitation, "Old Santa Claus," James Burhoe

Recitation, "Bethlehem Star," Velma Brown

Song, "Sing a Song of Christmas Time," Winnie Burhoe

Recitation, "When Santa Was a Boy," Iva Bartlett

Recitation, "Little Jack Horner," Iva Bartlett

Recitation, "The Longest Day," Elsie Swan

Song, "Tell Me What You Have for Me," Winnie and James Burhoe

Recitation, "Candle Berries," W. Merrill

Singing, "Jingle Bells," Glenyce Cole, Winnie Burhoe, Glendon Hutchins, James Swan, James Burhoe

This was followed by the entrance of Santa Claus who unloaded the beautiful decorated Christmas trees, the room being darkened and brilliantly lighted. Each pupil was well remembered with Christmas gifts from their teachers. By invitation several mothers very much enjoyed the program in both rooms, which showed much diligent work of the teachers and pupils, and great interest in the school work of both Miss Cole and Miss Bartlett, who are devoted to their chosen occupation.

WEST PARIS

The death of Alton Rowell occurred from myocarditis at the home of his aunt, Mrs. W. W. Dunham, Thursday, Dec. 23, at 4 o'clock P. M., after an illness of only ten days in which he has been confined to the house. He was the son of the late James and Ann (Dunham) Rowell and was born in New Hampshire, Nov. 7, 1870.

After his father's death, Mrs. Rowell came to live at North Paris in the family of her brother the late W. W. Dunham, and when Mr. and Mrs. Dunham disposed of their farm and bought a home on Main street at West Paris, Alton and his mother moved with them. Mrs. Rowell died at the C. M. G. Hospital the first of November from the result of a surgical operation. Alton's death is the third in about one year in the family and the last except Mrs. Dunham of the household, and it leaves Mrs. Dunham very lonely. He was a kind hearted, obliging young man, who was always ready to help when needed and was a young man of good principles. Many friends will miss him and feel sorry for his death. Alton was a regular attendant at the Universalist Church and a member of the Sunday school and Y. P. C. U. The funeral was held from his late home Sunday afternoon and was attended by Rev. D. A. Ball. There were pretty flowers. The interment was at North Paris Cemetery.

Mrs. G. A. Smith has returned from Boston, where she has been for medical advice and treatment.

Mrs. E. D. Curtis and son, Davis, are visiting at Dickvale.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fields of Boston have been guests at J. R. Tucker's.

Mrs. Roscoe Tuell has been spending the past week with her daughter, Mrs. I. J. Bowker, at Portland.

Abner Mann has moved his family from Milton and will work for Lewis M. Mann and son. They are living in L. C. Bates' double tenement house on Park street. Mr. Mann's brother, H. S. Mann, occupies the other rent.

Mrs. Emma H. Mann and son, Mafor Mann, of Norway, were week end guests at E. J. Mann's.

Christmas passed off pleasantly for many people. The three English speaking Sunday Schools had an excellent entertainment consisting of recitations, drills and other exercises, and two well laden trees. The Finnish people had a series of meetings and a Christmas tree at their church. A dance at Centennial Hall and drama and dance at Grange Hall. The Universalist people were to have a special service by the children, entitled, "White Gifts to the King," on Sunday morning which was postponed until next Sunday on account of rain. There were several family and Christmas gatherings, among which was one at J. H. Penley's and their little son, Donald, had a Christmas tree. A Christmas tree for the children at Carroll Bacon's. A dinner party and tree at G. H. Lane's, when they entertained the following visitors: Mrs. Lola Shurtlett, South Paris; Mrs. Julia Abbott, Alameda; Mrs. Della Lane, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lane and daughter, Margaret.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mann entertained a dinner party of 10 on Christmas Day, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Mann, Mrs. Jennie Andrews, Mafor Mann, Mrs. Emma H. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Harrington B. Mann and daughter, Persis, Mr. and Mrs. Abner H. Mann and daughter, Mary E. Mann, and son, Edward Burnham, Mrs. Cyrus H. Curtis and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Tuell and Beatrice Smith. The invitations were extended in this way that after dinner Master Lewis Jacob Mann, their little son would have a Christmas tree which would be large enough for all to share and were cordially invited to bring their gifts and certainly there was a well laden tree and although Master Lewis was converted into a veritable Santa Claus with gifts of every description yet there were plenty to gladden the hearts of all the other children and adults. One of the features of the distribution of gifts were all the unopened packages and letters, for as they had been received from the post office which added to the pleasure of the other gifts. At the close of the afternoon a flash light picture was taken of the entire company, and everybody ate a generous share of harpoun ice cream and departed with many good wishes for Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to follow, not only the host and hostess and little son, but all those who had so fully contributed to the enjoyment of the day.

Christmas and week end guests of Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler were three of their trained nurse friends, Miss Tibbetts, Miss Griffith and Miss Wise.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wardwell and children, Dorothy, Howard and Cyrus, were guests Christmas of Mrs. Wardwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus M. Irish, of Backfield.

Robert Park is spending his vacation from Hebron Academy at his home here with W. M. Whitten.

The Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist Church gave their usual Christmas baskets to the shut-ins and invalids.

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WHY NOT BUY IT IN MAINE?

Matilda Hall, who is teaching at Bingham, is spending the holidays with her father, L. R. Hall.

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Mr. and Mrs. Girdler Swett and children are spending the holidays with Mr. Swett's people in Lynn.

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Webster Akers and Ellen Hannaford were married by Rev. Geo. Graham, Wednesday, Dec. 22.

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Y. A. Thurston was at Norway, Friday, and bought a pair of horses which he took to his lumber camps at Aziscoogus Lake, Monday.

The King's Daughters will hold their annual meeting for the election of officers, Thursday, Jan. 6, at the home of Mrs. F. E. Leslie.

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Mrs. Dorothy Baker has gone to Philadelphia to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Alwyn Elliott of North Rumford was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Helen Abbott, Friday of last week.

C. A. Rand and family are visiting friends at Woodstock, Vermont.

Edward Pratt, Jr., had the misfortune to cut his foot quite badly last week while working in the woods for Edward Abbott.

Mr. Walter Akers and Miss Mabel Gibbs were married Saturday morning, Dec. 25, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Gibbs, at Kent's Hill, Me. The newly married couple have the best wishes of their many friends for a happy, prosperous life. Mr. and Mrs. Akers will be at home after Jan. 1 at Andover.

On account of the severe storm there were no meetings at the Congregational Church, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Thurston and daughter, and Bert Dunn and family were guests Christmas Day of Geo. Thomas and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marston had a neighborhood Christmas tree, Saturday evening at their home.

Lucien Akers and Fred Grover were at Frye, Saturday.

Marshall Howard and family spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Akers and family.

Stella Roberts, who has been teaching school in Dixfield, spent Christmas at her home.

Cecil Sweett and Montgomery Poor are home from the University of Maine for the holidays.

Sylvanus DeLong was in Andover a few days last week from Aziscoogus.

John K. Hewey from Farmington spent Christmas with his family.

Rev. Geo. Graham died with Y. A. Thurston and family, Monday.

A heavy southeast gale, with rain, swept over Andover, Sunday until about five o'clock P. M., when the wind shifted to the northeast, with a sudden fall in the temperature, and a driving snow storm accompanied by a high wind.

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THE RURAL CHURCH.

Is the rural church passing? Are the
days of good, old fashioned religion a
thing of the past? As it would seem
from a reading of the report of Presi-
dent Kenyon L. Butterfield of the
Massachusetts Agricultural College to
the Commission on Church and Country
Life, Butterfield declares that the rural
church must become a community in-
stitution and through its preacher and
lay members promote the courses of
good roads, better farming, agricultural
college extension courses, temperance,
public health, community beautification
and planning, promotion of co-operation
among farmers for buying, selling and
recreation centers. Such radical change
from a house where God is supposed to
be worshipped to one where purely
secular matters are discussed is bound
to cause a widespread opposition among
the religious. Many students of re-
ligion claim that the decline of the
country church began when pulpits
were thrown open to politicians—when
the local minister attempted to dictate
political elections—when the church be-
came a political forum. There is a
sound basis for this claim. Men go to
church to be told of God and spiritual
matters. They want to pray, to put
their house in order, to hesitate in the
midst of life for the necessities and luxu-
ries of life to think of the future life.
When this is denied them, and, in the
place, a minister delivers a political
talk, urging them to vote for this and
that or for that cause in the name of re-
ligion, the religious man rightfully re-
sents the assumed leadership of the
pastor and, as a result, stays at home
to commune with his God. It is a fact
that two-thirds of the rural churches
have ceased to grow and that 83 per
cent have a membership of less than
100. To change the country church to a
community house may result in much
temporal benefit to the communities in
which the house may be located, but
what of the church? The anti-religious
could find no better way to hasten the
complete disruption of the church.

Therefore, to hasten the opposite,
religiously, is to hasten the disruption.

**POEMS WORTH
READING****THE OLD AND THE NEW.**

"Twas a faithful old year, we will drop
it a-tur
As into the past it departs,
Ere we hurry along with a laugh and
a song
Its successor to clasp in our hearts.
But no matter how good were the
things that it takes,
Or the pleasures that vanish from
view,
There are better to come, and so let us
be off
With the old year and on with the
new.
—By Minna Irving in Leslie's.

THE OLD AND THE NEW YEAR.

E. D. Shelton.
The old year's last breath passed on,
He soon must take his leave,
He then forever will be gone
And we account must give
For this one year and all the rest
That ever we have seen,
And if we have not done our best
'Twere worse for us I ween.

THE OLD YEAR HATH HAD VISIONS.

Of fire and flood and drought,
And bloody contests still are on
North, East and West and South,
He hath seen war with modern means,
Wireless and aeroplanes,
Big guns and mines and submarines
Wring blood from nation's veins.
He hath beheld the ditch complete
That let two oceans wed,
The greatest engineering feat
Of human hand and head.
And now through faith's long piercing
eye
He sees the monstrous fair,
And though he soon must pass and die,
He goes not in despair.
Oh! Will the New Year gracious be
And bring us peaceful times,
Or must we more of bloodshed see
E'er bright millennium shines,
Will he preside o'er our big show
All wrapped in robes of peace?
Or will he see the crimson flow
Of human blood increase?

To go to war's a perfect shame.

At least for Christians true,
Yet they are not so much to blame
As those that cause them to,
But since you're in and can't get out
You should much more show
To wounded soldiers round about
Who can't get up and go.

We now appeal to God above!

Who reigns o'er Old and New!
Our God we know is God of love!
His word is coming true!
His Son our Saviour's Prince of peace,
And when the devil's bound—
All wars and strife on earth will cease
And love and peace abound.
Hillicoke, Okla.

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

Good by, Old Year! Little indeed
Thy friendly voice we were wont to
hear,
Telling us, warning us every day:—
"Transient mortal work and play;
You, like me, are passing away!"

Good-by, Old Year! What ever may be

The sins and stains thou hast chanced
to see,
Consider, O Year! to purge the same,
And wash away the sin and shame,
Whilst thou wert passing, Christmas
came!

Good-by, Old Year! With words of

grace
Leave us to him who takes thy place;
And say, Old Year, unto the New,
"Kindly, carefully, carry them through,
For much, I ween, they have yet to
do!"
—John G. Saxe.

QUESTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

By T. J. J. Higgins.
I asked the New Year for some motto
sweet,
Some rule of life by which to guide my
feet;
I asked and paused—it answered soft
and low—
"God's will to know."

"Will knowledge then suffice, New

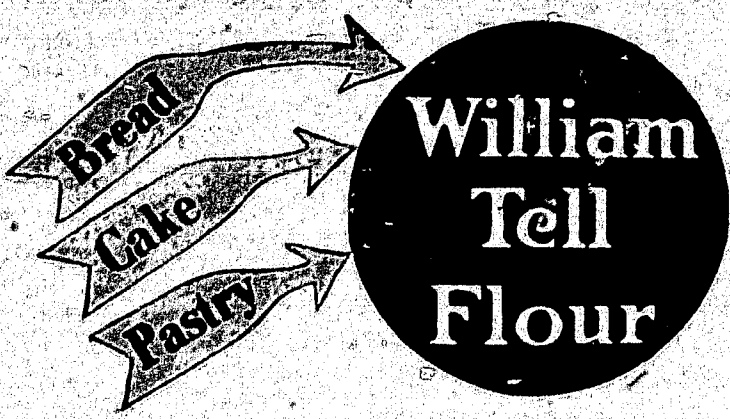
Year?" I cried;
But ere the question into silence died
The answer came—"Nay, this remem-
ber, too—
"God's will to do."

Once more I asked—"Is there still

more to tell?"
And once again the answer sweetly
fell—
"Yes, this one thing, all other things
above—
God's will to love."

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

By Harry Irving Greeno.
To all—good by. My task is done.
I've swung the circle of the sun.
I've given all that life bestows,



It takes extra fine flour to make
all three equally well, but
William Tell does it, because it is
milled by a special process from
Ohio Red Winter Wheat. If you
aspire to blue ribbon bread, cake
and pastry that keep the family
looking forward to your next treat,
tell the grocer that nothing will
do but William Tell—the flour that
goes farther.

I've dealt Fate's cards to friends, to

foes.
I've touched you each with joy and
care,
Drawn wrinkles here, smoothed wrin-
kles there.
And if I've frosted temples gray,
I've made warm lips to kiss away
The chill. The Death, the strife
I've visited—I've granted Life.

I'm Time. I've robbed your cradle

dear,
Yet I ask you—your dying Year,
Have I not filled it? Answer free,
If I've robbed you have not you cheat-
ed me?
Have not you sought to kill me—Time?
Have not you wanted me—God's gift
sublime?
Misdeed me, mocked me, wished me
on my way,
Loathed and reviled me—prayed an-
other day,
And when I granted it, mocked that
one, too,
Are we not quit at even—I and you?

'Tis Kismet—Fate. Old World, good-

bye.
My cycle's done—I faint—I die.
Oh, World! dear World—at last my
dream is true,
Through all eternity I've longed for
you,
Impatient of the years I had to wait,
Each nerve, a quiver, lest I be too late
And now I'm here—and all of you are
mine
For my brief reign. Yet, also, I am
thine.
For use—abuse—but treat me as you
may
Remember this—I'll give and take
away.
And but this moment born—but half
awake,
I'll tell you now what I'll both give
and take.

I'll take a life from out you here and

there.
I'll give—a lover true—a sweetheart
fair,
Half of your fondest hopes I'll steal
away,
I'll grant a grain of wisdom day by
day.
And that, perchance, I should take
Peter's all,
With lavish hands I'll shower it on
Paul.
I'll smile some of you with an iron
glove,
I'll nurse some others with my tender-
est love,
I'm both your queen and slave. I now
make way.
This night is yours. Tomorrow you'll
repay.

Bring forth the jesters. Fill the cup of

cheer.
You've waited me forever. World, I'm
here.

WINTERING POULTRY.

Special Care Should Be Given Fowls
During Cold Weather to Obtain Best
Results.

To obtain good results from a flock

of poultry during the winter all houses
and coops should be put in good con-
dition, only healthy fowls placed in
the buildings, and good care given to
the poultry. The houses should be thor-
oughly cleaned, disinfected, and made
tight for winter. If the house has a
dirt floor, it is well to remove 3 or 4
inches from the top and substitute
fresh gravel or sand. If the floor is
concrete or wood, remove all litter and
dirt and put in 4 or 5 inches of fresh
straw or litter. Be sure that the house
is light on three sides and that there
is no chance for a draft to strike the
fowls. If hens roost or are placed in a
draft during the fall and winter, colds
are sure to develop, which may result
in roup and other troubles. The south
side, or front, of the poultry house may
be left comparatively open, but should
be under control, so that the openings
may be closed gradually as the weather
becomes cold. Have muslin curtains in
the front of the house, or leave a win-
dow partly open even on the coldest
nights to allow some ventilation in the
house. Fowls will stand considerable
cold air provided it is dry, and venti-
lation will keep the air thoroughly dry
in the house.

The pullets should be brought in off

the range and put in winter quarters,
but before they are mixed with the
older fowls be sure that the hens are
banded or that the web of the foot is
punched in some way so as to distin-
guish between the pullets and the hens.
In this way the older stock may be
culled out whenever it appears desir-
able, and the young hens kept for fur-
ther laying. Call the chickens which
are brought into the laying house care-
fully, and fatten and market all chick-
ens which are small, poorly developed,
or in poor condition. These small, poor-
ly developed chickens are apt to catch
cold if put in with the other poultry,
and develop diseases which quickly
spread through the flock. Market all
surplus cockerels or older male birds
which are not desired for breeding or
not wanted for a later market.

Feed the grain in a deep litter on the

floor and make the hens exercise for all
of their grain. The mash may be fed
either wet or dry, and should be so
regulated that the fowls will get about
equal parts of mash and of the scratch

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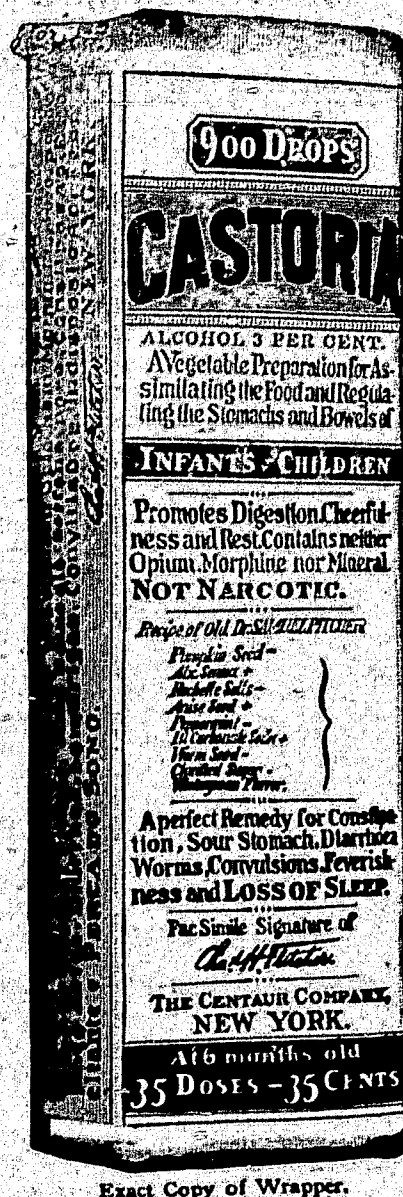
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grains. It is necessary to give the
fowls plenty to eat to get good results,
but the birds should always be eager
for each feed. In cold weather feed
about one-third of the scratch at night
in the morning and two-thirds at night.
In this way the hens are forced to ex-
ercise more than if they receive all the
grain they desire at the morning feed.
Scratch grains, mash or ground grains,
animal protein, green feed, grit and
shell should be supplied in the winter.
A good scratch mixture may be made
of equal parts, by weight, of cracked
corn, wheat, and oats; and a mash
may be made of two parts corn meal
and one part each of wheat bran, wheat
middlings, and beef scrap. Green feed,
such as cabbages, mangels, winter beets,
cut alfalfa, or sprouted oats, should be
supplied to replace the green feed
which the fowls have been securing in the
field; and beef scrap, skim milk,
cut green bone, or some similar feed is
needed to replace the bugs which the
fowls have been getting on the range.
Beef scrap or feed of this nature is
very essential in securing a good sup-
ply of eggs during the winter months.
Clean the dropping boards at least
once a week, and spray the roosts with
kerosene or some commercial prepara-

tion for killing mites once a month dur-
ing the winter. Have a good supply
of sand or dry dirt on hand to use as
the dropping boards during the winter.
If any of the birds develop colds,
put as much potassium permanganate
as will remain on the surface of a dime
into a gallon of water and keep this
mixture in their drinking water for
several days, or until the symptoms of
the colds have disappeared. Remove
any sick birds from the flock as soon
as they are noted and treat them in
coops by themselves, or kill and bury
them if they are not worth treating.

Examine the pullets and hens for
lice, and dust thoroughly with a good
insect powder or apply a mixture of 2
parts of vasoline and 1 part of mercuri-
al or blue ointment, about the size of
a pea, 1 inch below the vent of the
bird, rubbing the mixture lightly on
the skin. An application of this oint-
ment two or three times a year will
keep the fowls free from lice. Where
insect powder is used, it should be ap-
plied three or four times a year, or
otherwise if the fowls become infested.
Provide a small box in the house partly
filled with dry road dirt or fine dirt in
which the hens may dust, thus helping
to keep themselves free from lice.

**SYNOPSIS**

Copyright, 1915

Joe Weston, fourteen years old,
to make a success of his father's
down farm. He reads the latest so-
books. Mr. Somerville, a merchant,
to help him.

Joe's father is pessimistic. He
at book farming and book farming.
Somerville, struck with Joe's re-
sults and ambition, backs him in
competitions.

Passerby on the road linger to
Joe operate. The mowers that with
evidence at first soon give way to
of surprise. Joe is showing them
thing as a farmer.

Joe's father's pessimism grows
fades away. He watches Joe work
his farm perform wonders with it.
He soon is as enthusiastic as Joe's
conviction please Mr. Somerville.

"Oh, I'm going to have a velvet
with a red feather in it, and a re-
black worsted dress, and a pair of
shoes, and some stockings that
patched!" she cried, hugging her
mother.

"It's mighty good of you, son,
to think of your mother that way,"
Mrs. Weston.

"It isn't half of what I am go-
ing to do when I get a start," answer-
ed stoutly.

"Son, it isn't so much what you
do but it is the fact that you think
your mother and sister and want
help them that makes me happy,"
said his mother.

"Well, I just saw a chance to p-
something that would give you a
something all your very own—
gives a person a heap more inter-
est in everything to own something, don't
you?"

"Indeed it does, Joe."

Joe then started to hoe a field
of corn. Then he returned to his
mother. L. and M. now filled
pleasure, sought the sister Joe in-
structed for them and struggled at
the dry leaves with many con-
gratulations.

"Ain't you going to feed 'em, Bu-
dy?"

"Not now—just a few scraps
the house and maybe a nubbun of
a day for variety. This rye is abo-
lition."

"Why, that won't fatten them,"
Mrs. Weston.

"No'm, but that government bu-
ys it's a waste of feed to try to
ten hogs under eight months as
they are to be kept until they're
year old. All we want to do is to
them enough to keep them healthy
growing fast, and that green feed
do it. It will build up a good
frame to hang all that fat on at the
last three months."

"Pigs is dirty beasts," anno-
Annie, as if she had discovered
thing new.

"Because the people that own
put them in nasty, little, muddy
pens that bother them and to keep
in summer. Mud isn't filthy. G-
hog a good range for pasture and
water to drink and he is clean
cow."

"And they wallow in mud,"
argued Annie.

"They do that to kill the flies ar-
round them. They don't like to be
in summer. Mud isn't filthy. G-
hog a good range for pasture and
water to drink and he is clean
cow."

Annie was not convinced.
"They eat nasty slops," she
hounded crushingly.

"If the slops are nasty it's the
of the people that give them to
hogs. Pigs naturally graze like
and horses and would rather eat
green grass or grain than slops
like," said Joe.

"I never knew that before," re-
plied his mother; "but, come to this
it, they always do seem to be eat-
ing something off the ground."

"It's grass and weeds and roots
and such stuff. And they don't mind a
fat cricket or a grasshopper either,"
said Joe.

As the three strolled back to-
wards Mrs. Weston looked over in
field behind the barn. There was
Weston with the two hogs in
plover breaking about five acres of
as deeply as he could sink the plover.

"Well, I never!" she exclaimed.
It was the first time Joe had heard of
father breaking any land before Mr.
Joe. I wonder what put him in
bottom!"

"He seen Buddy doing it," an-
nounced Annie, with an air of con-
viction. His mother and sister continued
towards the house, and Joe went
where his father was steadily plov-
ing.

"What you going to plant, dad?"
he asked. Mr. Weston grinned at
sleepily.

"I ain't never thought about plant-
ing till I seen you do it, and I
figgered I could follow the oats
late corn, an' maybe some peavine
for these critters, and make a do-
crop on the land. It's pretty late
to be planting' oats, though, ain't it?
don't a'pose it's too late, do you?"

It was the first time his father
ever recognised him as knowing
thing at all about farming, and
asked as an authority compensated
a whole lot of things.

"No, sir; ther'll make all right."

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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

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One of the inexorable laws of the social-official world of Washington is that the women folk of newly anointed Senators and Representatives must make the first calls on the women folk of better seasoned Senators and Representatives. In other communities and under unofficial conditions things work the other way around, the new arrival is welcomed by the earlier settlers, and all overtures are due to come from the old siders. But if you don't take your nerve in your two hands and get out all by your lonesome to make yourself at home in Washington you poor little green Congresswoman, nobody else is going to help you do it. It's the unwritten law.

Not that there has ever been any authoritative work issued on the subject of precedence and prerogatives of the body politic of Washington of social life. We don't know who is the court of last resort. There are just a lot of things that everybody knows "just naturally." The Europeans wonder that our social laws are so wobbly and inexact. And old so jealous of their rights and rank is every human soul who has grabbed some kind of a federal job in Washington or is married to one! The plain unvarnished folk like you and me must needs sneak out to the back gate once in awhile and giggle it out of our systems.

Said a Congressman's wife to me the other day—her husband is chairman of one of the big committees—"You didn't know a Congressman ranked an Admiral, did you?"

"Well no, indeed, who furnished the dope?" "Miss Belle Hagner (now Mrs. James)." "If you don't believe me go right straight and ask her. I was receiving with the wife of an army officer the other day and she put me in line ahead of the wife of an Admiral of the Navy, much to my surprise. But I found it was all O. K." added the pretty lady complacently. "Oh, yes," put in another ambitious Congresswoman, "Representatives' wives rank Commissioners' wives and a whole lot of other people. You know the only people etiquette requires us to call on first are the families of the President, Vice-President, Supreme Court, Cabinet and Senators. That relieves us from the Army and Navy, the general judiciary, Commissioners and all the manifold assistant secretaries that have no especial rank at all."

"The hell," I gasped. "I thought I knew everything long ago, but here's still some more!" We were talking in a cozy lunch in the gallery of the House during one of those interminable roll-calls, about as interesting as a telephone directory. Several timid little freshman females were listening bewilderedly. More puzzled still would the poor little neophytes have been, had they overheard some floor sage an arrogant "Cave Dweller" or salient Washingtonian, protest when a friend asked her to call upon the wife of a Congressman, with an assuring, "Why, my dear, I'd as soon think of calling upon the wife of a policeman!"

The Congressional comebacks have to begin at the bottom all over again

with not the least prestige surviving from their former incumbency. And how that makes the regulars whose husbands have never lost out in their elections to chortle! There's such a lot of human nature in most of us. Length of official service pre-appoints rank and recognition in a proportionate sliding scale. The "clean" of any official coterie or his wife is granted precedence at all affairs.

Folks in official life in Washington, brief as each little spar of glory is, are mighty pernickety and tenacious of their rights.

So it is rather interesting to reflect that two women of paramount congressional prestige in other days, who have just been resurrected for the Sixty-fourth Congress, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth and Miss Helen Cannon are beginning life all over again, congressionally speaking. To do their political duty to husband and father, these predominant headlines, being technical newcomers, must make the first call on all the other congressional women of a more remote vintage than themselves, and deport themselves in the meek and lowly manner supposed to be consistent with the freshman class.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Maine Teachers' Association will meet in Portland next year on October 23 and 27. This was decided at a meeting of the executive committee at Augusta, Dec. 18.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Portland Savings Bank, held recently, Edward A. Noyes, at his own request and because of long-continued ill health, was relieved of the duties of treasurer, after having served 38 years in that capacity, and after a total service of more than 50 years. Mr. Noyes will continue as a member of the board of trustees. At the same meeting Alfred A. Montgomery was elected treasurer of the bank. Mr. Montgomery has been connected with the bank 42 years and first entered its service as the junior clerk.

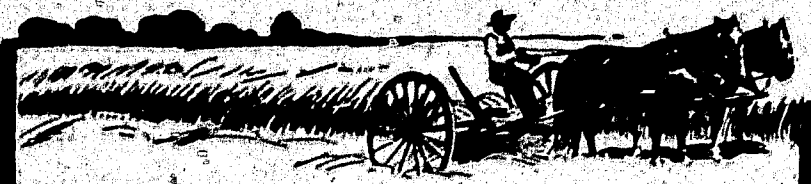
The Postoffice Department has notified postmasters that it is about to issue stamped envelopes bearing an embossed two-cent postage stamp of new design. The new stamp is printed in red ink and is in the form of a circle. In the center is embossed the head of Washington in profile.

Albert K. Gardner has resigned his office as state horticulturalist with the department of agriculture and will soon move from Augusta to Farmington to act as Franklin county representative for the extension service of the college of agriculture. Mr. Gardner is the son of Hon. Obadiah Gardner of Rockland. He is a graduate of the University of Maine.

Governor Hiramsham of Pennsylvania was in Maine last summer; he passed his vacation days at his summer home at Wayne. Now and then his big automobile would visit Augusta and none would ever mistake it, for the registration plate was Pennsylvania No. 1. Secretary Bunker had many requests for Maine registration plate No. 1 for 1916, but there is only one such plate to be issued and he could not grant all the requests—consequently he granted none of them. The No. 1 plate will have the honor of marking the automobile of Governor Oakley C. Curtis of Maine. The governor did not ask for the plate, but many did and it seemed to Secretary Bunker that the governor should have this registration plate and it also appeared to him the easiest way to find an answer for the many requests for plate No. 1.

Andrew Carnegie in recognition of passing on Thanksgiving day his 80th birthday in health, offers to Kent's Mill a new pipe organ not to cost less than \$1000, if the friends and members are willing to raise \$500 which they have decided to undertake at once. J. H. Underwood agrees to be one of 100 men to give \$5 each towards this enterprise. The members and friends contemplated an active whirlwind campaign in order to secure this much needed and valuable addition to their present equipment, thus giving to their church the identity and recognition that such a musical program will most naturally attract.

Holmes Day, the Maine author, has just concluded a deal whereby the picture rights in his two novels, Squire Thin and the Red Lane, have been sold to one of the big producing companies of the country. Both these stories will be in five reel feature films. Mr. Day has also had the scenario of the new play which he has been writing for Will T. Hodge accepted by that actor. Mr. Hodge wrote a very complimentary letter to Mr. Day about the play and the author will begin work on it within a week or so. Mr. Day is now engaged in a 60,000 word novel for the Popular magazine which will be completed the coming week and published before very long. This publisher is now negotiating with Mr. Day for the picture rights in King House, another one of his successful stories.



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COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1915.

The following list of taxes on real estate of resident owners in the Town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1915, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of August 1915, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Odson Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1916, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
Briggs, Edwin R.	Homestead Farm,	\$5.95	\$1.00
Brooks, Geo. E.	Homestead Farm,	1.28	1.00
Burhoe, James	Homestead Farm,	15.00	1.00
Corbett, James P.	Homestead Farm,	10.20	1.00
Cushman, A. G.	Homestead Farm,	17.00	1.00
Day, Charles P.	Homestead Farm,	11.90	1.00
Emery, Warren A.	Homestead Farm,	102.00	1.00
	Valentine and Chapman Intervale,	26.90	1.00
Hall, Dana H.	Homestead,	17.00	1.00
Jones, O. M.	Homestead at East Bethel,	0.80	1.00
Merrill, A. H.	Homestead Farm,	25.50	1.00
	The Cummings Intervale,	20.40	1.00
Morgan, A. L.	Homestead on Clark St.,	8.50	1.00
	The Gerry Morgan Stand,	4.08	1.00
Stone, Viola	Homestead Farm,	3.40	1.00
Vashaw, Thomas	Field and Barn of G. D. Morrill,	57.80	1.00
	Field of G. D. Morrill,	8.50	1.00
Vashaw, Mrs. Sadie	Homestead at West Bethel,	8.50	1.00

December 21, 1915.

N. F. BROWN,
Treasurer and Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

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Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
Brown, John	Part of D. A. Coffin Farm,	\$ 85	2.00
	E. Andrews Land,	2.55	2.00
Buck, Charles	The Corson Homestead,	2.55	2.00
Kates, John H.	Part of R. Kates Intervale,	0.80	2.00
Stahl, A. M.	The W. W. Mason land near Newry Line,		
	Part of Lots 29-30, Range 9,	4.25	2.00
Smith, Josiah W.	Homestead,	8.50	2.00

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Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
Bartlett, E. S.	40 acres in Lot 10, Range 11,	\$3.00	\$3.00
Kimball, J. P.	50 acres in Lot 3, Range 5,	18.00	2.00
	80 acres in Lot 3, Range 4,	23.40	2.00
	10 acres in Lot 2, Range 3,	.80	2.00

December 21, 1915.

GEORGE CUMMINGS,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Albany.

DISEASE OF PINES.

White-Pine Blister Rust Threatens Serious Damage in Northeastern and Western States.

The alarming character of the white-pine blister rust and the economic loss which it threatens in the northeastern and western United States are sharply emphasized by four recent serious outbreaks on pine trees and currant bushes in Massachusetts and New York, say

the Department of Agriculture specialists at Washington, D. C. This disease was introduced on imported white-pine nursery stock and first appeared at Geneva, N. Y., in 1906.

In 1909 extensive importations of diseased white-pine nursery stock were introduced and destroyed in New York and other Eastern States, and warnings were issued broadcast against further importation of white pine from Europe. In spite of these warnings importations continued even from the particular nur-

very in Germany which was definitely known to be the main source of disease, until finally, in 1912, all such importation was stopped by Federal action.

The white-pine blister rust affects the eastern white pine, the western white pine, the sugar pine, and indeed all of the so-called five-leaf pines, producing cankers on the stems and branches, killing young trees, and maiming and disfiguring old ones. It also produces a leaf disease of currant and gooseberry bushes. The fungus causing the disease must live for a part of its life on pine trees and part of its life on currants and gooseberries. The disease cannot spread from one pine tree to another, but must pass first to currant bushes and then back to pine.

In Europe the disease has made the culture of American white pine impracticable in England, Denmark, and Holland and has seriously handicapped its cultivation in Germany. Since the trees which it attacks include three of the most important timber trees of the United States, the loss which this disease will produce if unchecked is very great. Fortunately, the disease is not known to be present west of Buffalo, N. Y.; but if it is not checked in the Eastern States, its ultimate spread to the vast forests of the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific coast is certain. The disease now occurs in three localities in New Hampshire, two in Vermont, ten in Massachusetts, two in Connecticut, five in New York, one in Pennsylvania, and three in Ontario, Canada.

The disease could be controlled now by the destruction of the diseased white pines or the complete destruction of all currant and gooseberry bushes in the vicinity of infected pine trees. Whether or not this simple action can be accomplished depends upon the legal authority possessed by the various State horticultural inspectors concerned. If the inspector is not armed with authority to destroy either currant bushes or the diseased white pines without the consent of the owner, all efforts at control will be unavailing, as a single person by permitting diseased pines or currants to remain on his place can nullify the work of an entire community.

We older children grope our way from dark behind to dark before; And only when our hands we lay, Dear Lord, in thine, the night is day, And there is darkness no more.

Whittier.

Doctor—"Well, Casey, are the eyes improving?" Patient—"Sure, they are, Sir." Doctor—"Can you see better; can you see the nurse now?" Patient—"Sure, I can that, Sir. Faith, she gets plainer and plainer every day."—London Opinion.

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Save for the beautiful memories that linger, sweet and tender like the perfume of roses, in the heart of the day that is gone, I have nothing to do with yesterday.

And the other day I do not worry about in Tomorrow. Tomorrow, with all its possible adventures, its burdens, its perils, its large promises and poor performance, its failures and mistakes, is as far beyond the reach of my mastery as its dead sister—yesterday. The sun will rise in roscate splendor, or beyond a mask of weeping clouds. But it will rise. Until then the same love and patience that held yesterday, and holds tomorrow, shines with tender promise into the heart of today. I have no possession in that unborn day of grace. All also is in the infinite keeping of that Infinite Love that holds for me the treasure of yesterday, the love that is higher than the stars, wider than the sky, deeper than the seas.

There is left for myself, then, but one day of the week—today. Any man can fight the battle of today. Any woman can carry the burdens of just one day.—Robert J. Burdette.

We want one or two companions of intelligence, probity and grace to wear out life with; persons by whom we can measure ourselves and who shall hold us fast to good sense and virtue.—Emerson.

Carry the radiance of your soul in your face; let the world have the benefit of it.—Fox.

PITY AND MERCY.

Ring the bells of mercy,
Ring them loud and clear,
Let their music linger
Softly on the ear;
Filling souls with pity
For the dumb and weak;
Telling all the voiceless,
We for them will speak.
(Our Dumb Animals.)

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BETHEL INN

Happenings of the

Mr. B. H. Spencer, who is in the Brown Cottage, was the director of Mrs. Rose and family on the

Mr. Meyer Selbing of the Waterhouse Co., was with us a week and took his usual ride to the country.

Mrs. Frederick S. West had a recent dinner guests, Miss M. Mr. Wm. Bingham, 2nd, and Mr. M. O. West.

Mr. M. O. West of Chicago on the early morning train of 3rd, to pay a visit to his mother is stopping at Dr. Gehring's.

During the past ten days there have been many people enjoying the on the middle pond and it is not put into fine shape for the sports.

On the evening of January 24th a dance was given in the music hall by Messrs. Bingham and Upson. 44 joined in the festivities of evening.

Mr. James Murray Howe, Dr. Mr. Archibald Howe, who has Dr. Gehring's, came on the 31st of Bethel and to have his brother-in-law in a trip to Boston.

Mrs. Rose and daughter left a day morning for New York where they will arrange for Miss H. attend a boarding school, after Mrs. Rose will return to her in Cleveland.

On Sunday Mrs. Cilley invited a dinner at the Inn with Mrs. Rose, daughter, Master Burton Rose, stopping at Dr. Gehring's, also Catherine Bryant, Miss Natall and Mr. E. G. Leake.

Mrs. F. H. Rose accompanied son, Master Burton Rose, and daughter, Miss Helen, arrived on the 29th, the holidays and enjoy their sports. Mrs. Rose is a sister of W. J. Upson, and has been very making their stay pleasant by giving parties for dinner, tobogganing and snowshoeing.

During the past week Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Harding and two children several days at the Inn. They were very much pleased with the snowshoeing and coasting, all of which was new to the children. The child, Miss Marjorie, had her first of skates and did very nicely. Child of six years.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Maloney of West, Florida, have been spending several days as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cilley. This is the first winter many years that they have been in Bethel, and this being the farthest that they ever were in the winter season. They both enjoyed the cold weather and the nice sleighing and coasting.

Mrs. Esler of New York has been spending several days at the Inn with her son, Mr. Esler, who is staying at the Brown Cottage. Mrs. Esler on her return to New York will be met with a house decorated by her partner. Mrs. Esler has a special which adapt her to this line of work and will take an active part in the sleighing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Guthrie, grandchildren, Miss Marion and M. Patricia Willard, of New York came the 29th to visit Mr. Wm. Fuller, a brother of Mrs. Guthrie. During the past few days they have made several trips to Dr. Fuller's. "Hut" have taken daily sleighing trips to Bethel and speak in glowing terms of the views, roads and the many sleighing drives. Mr. Guthrie is one of New York's leading lawyers.

On Saturday, Mr. Wm. Fuller invited many people to an afternoon tea at his and twenty or more availed themselves of the opportunity to attend. Among them were the guests of Bethel Inn. Tea, cocoa and small cakes were served, and the admirable Mrs. Fuller has for cooking was means of a very nice service, and all reports, a very enjoyable afternoon. Teams were sent back and forth to take the people there and return to take the afternoon to their homes.

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